

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES**  
**OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Buttke at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

**PRESENT:** Mike Feirer, Tom Buttke, Ed Wagner, Chris Jockheck & Gary Cummings

**EXCUSED:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Meyer; Aldermen Earll & Reinart, City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Winch; Assistant Street Superintendent Bornbach; Assistant Street Superintendent Hawley; Library Director Belongia; Cemetery Coordinator Baltus; Pete Drachenberg; the media; and others.

**PW15-101** Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2015 Board of Public Works meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**Citizen Comments – None**

City Engineer Turchi presented an Engineering Division construction update. Street Superintendent Winch presented a Street Division construction update. Alderman Jockheck questioned the timing of Veterans Parkway reconstruction. This is scheduled for 2016. Mayor Meyer asked for an update on the Frontier phone line outage. City Engineer Turchi explained the outage and said that Frontier hopes to have the service restored by September 30, 2015.

**PW15-102** Motion by Feirer, second by Wagner to recommend approval of the revised cemetery fees for 2016 as presented, which include the following:

- Traditional Opening \$ 820.00
- Cremation Opening \$ 490.00
- Infant Opening \$ 225.00
- Niche Opening \$ 185.00
- Single Niche Space \$1,060.00
- Double Niche Space \$2,120.00
- Ground Burial Space \$ 820.00
- Infant/Cremation Space \$ 420.00
- Disinterment Charge \$1,020.00
- Companion/Monument Burial \$ 185.00
- Over Time Charge \$ 350.00
- Winter Charge (November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>) \$ 65.00
- Crypt Space – Lower Two Levels \$6,000.00
- Crypt Space – Upper Two Levels \$5,000.00
- Crypt Opening \$ 450.00

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-103** Motion by Wagner, second by Jockheck to recommend working with Canadian National Railroad to relocate the signal pole at Veterans Parkway and Maple Avenue to reduce the risk of signal pole knockdowns, continue to prohibit trucks from making right turns from westbound Veterans Parkway onto northbound Maple Avenue and that funding for this improvement come from Project EN-F-2039 – Quiet Zone Improvements.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-104** Motion by Cummings, second by Feirer to recommend approval of Resolution No. 2015-45, authorizing an “Absence of Need” request for sidewalk on the south side of East 29<sup>th</sup> Street from Hume Avenue to 975 feet east, and refer to the Common Council for consideration.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-105** Motion by Feirer, second by Jockheck to recommend that the sidewalk replacement project on Oak Avenue from Depot Street to Cleveland Street be included in the 2016 budget at an estimated cost of \$120,000, with funding sources to be established during the budget process.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-106** Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the revised project agreement with WisDOT for the Wildwood/McMillan Connector Trail and authorize execution of the agreement.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-107** Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to recommend approval of Resolution No. 2015-44, supporting Wood County in a grant application for a Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep event in Marshfield for 2016, and refer to the Common Council for consideration.

**Motion Carried**

The Board of Public Works discussed the use of ditches with sidewalks vs. curb and gutter. Mayor Meyer noted that he has received a few complaints on this year’s ditching projects in areas with sidewalks. Ditch slopes are steeper than property owners are used to. Buttke agree that we have some areas that are a safety concern. He disagrees with the current policy of surveying residents to see if they want curb & gutter or not. Jockheck asked for information on why ditches vs curb & gutter, what alternatives are available and what are the costs. The Board heard from Pete Drachenburg, 405 North Cherry who would have preferred to see curb & gutter. He would still like to see something different done with the street. This was a discussion item only. This item will be on the October 5 Board agenda to discuss future options for curb & gutter vs ditches.

**Recommended items for future agendas:**

- Alderman Jockheck received a complaint about corn growing adjacent to a residential back yard.
- Alderman Cummings would like to discuss the Central Avenue railroad crossing.
- Knoeck reported that he will have an update on the slag seal process at a future meeting.

Motion by Jockheck, second by Feirer that the meeting be adjourned at 6:28 PM.

**Motion Carried**

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary  
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